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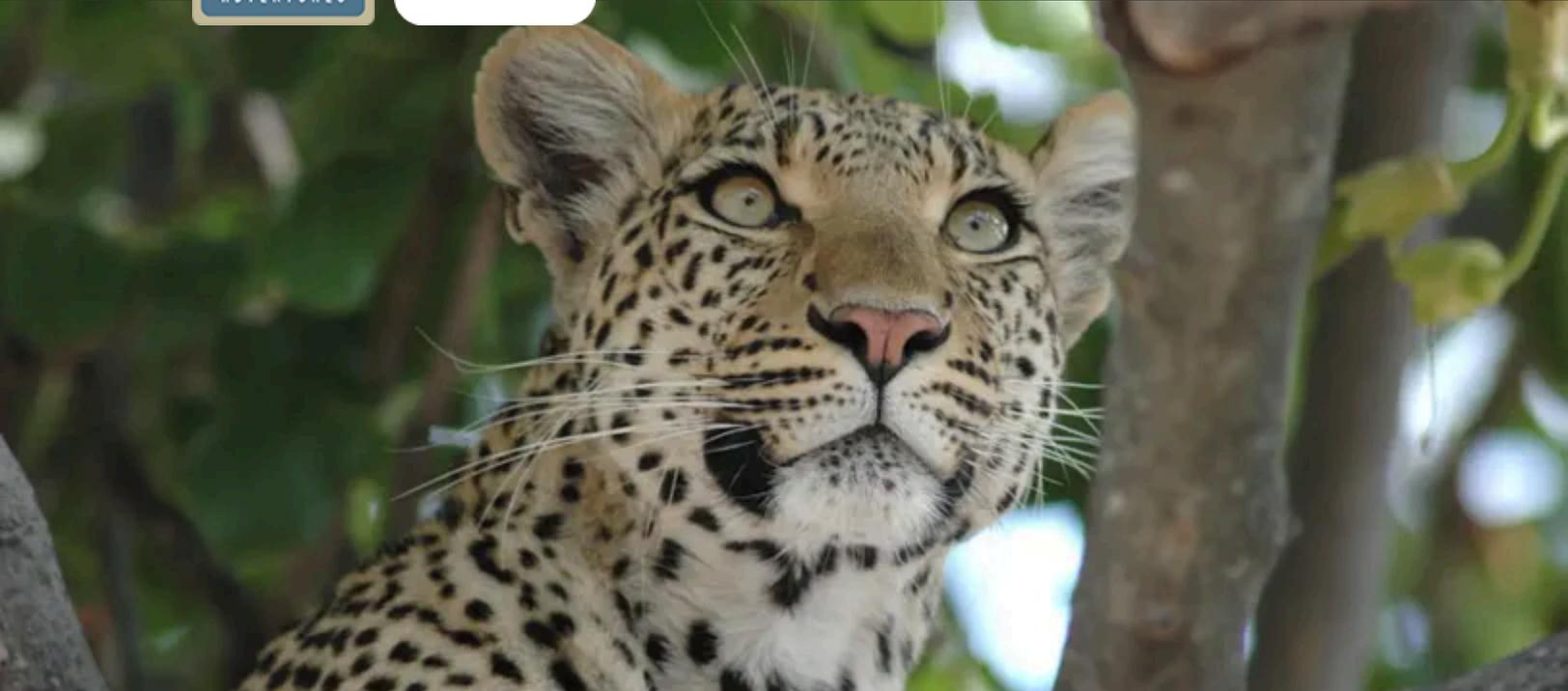


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Trip Details:

Days
12 Days /
Apr–Nov

Price
From
\$18995
(+Air)

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In the wilds of Botswana, you'll find the wonders that drew adventurers to the African continent over a century ago. Vast elephant herds still roam the savanna. Hippo and crocodile crowd the Chobe River's marshy channels. Buffalo, giraffe, zebra and antelope thrive in the Okavango Delta and at watering holes that sustain life on the parched plains. Lions laze in the shade of mopane trees while leopards sprawl in the branches, icons of the genuine wilderness that exists in Botswana. Here, nature's timeless majesty unfolds before your eyes, a living testament to Botswana's enduring allure. Our intimate tented bush camps are reminiscent of a nostalgic safari era, yet replete with contemporary luxuries, even in some of the most remote wild places on Earth. If you're searching for the classic romance of Africa, it's still here in secluded Botswana.

Trip Highlights

You won't find a higher quality, more in-depth safari to Africa's most exclusive nature reserves, designed for maximum close-up wildlife encounters—for just seven guests!

Our own small camps on uncrowded private reserves offer remote settings, unsurpassed comfort and astounding proximity to wildlife

Guided by Botswana's top safari Expedition Leaders, follow rhinos on foot, meet a predator researcher, view big cats, huge elephant herds, and much more



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Itinerary At A Glance

Day 1

Livingstone, Zambia—Zambezi River

Day 2

Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park—Victoria Falls / Village Visit / Rhino Walk

Days 3 - 5

Chobe National Park, Botswana / Linyanti Private Reserve

Days 6 - 8

Linyanti / Okavango Delta—Exploring the Marsh

Days 9 - 11

Southeast Okavango—Santawani Private Concession—Predator Researcher Visit

Day 12

Maun / Depart

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Day 1: Livingstone, Zambia—Zambezi River

Our Botswana safari begins just over the border in Livingstone, Zambia, where you are met on arrival and transferred to Toka Leya to spend the night. This camp offers a coveted stay in a prime location overlooking the mighty Zambezi River upriver from Victoria Falls, surrounded by Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The park's name means "The Smoke that Thunders," and it's an apt moniker, as we see mist clouds rising from the falls from miles away. Enjoy a classic sunset cruise before a welcome dinner with your Expedition Leader and traveling companions.





Day 2: Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park—Victoria Falls / Village Visit / Rhino Walk

Our focus today is Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park with its centerpiece, Victoria Falls, which we explore on a guided walking tour along the rim this morning. The world's most astounding cataract, Victoria Falls spans more than a mile and plummets 350 feet into the Zambezi Gorge below, producing so much spray that the intense moisture has created a rainforest microecosystem on the rim. A network of walkways offers varying viewpoints over the falls, with exciting photography opportunities.

Next, we visit a nearby village to learn about the culture and daily life of the local people. Then, we head farther into the national park to look for white rhinos—our best chance to see them up close. This small but growing population currently numbers 10 individuals including calves. They're carefully managed and protected from poaching around-the-clock by armed guards. Because predators do not live in the park, we approach the rhinos via a short walk through the diverse landscape, a combination of tall riverine forests, woodland and open grasslands. We're also likely to see elephants, giraffes, baboons, plentiful birds and zebra. But the true prize is encountering the rhinos, endangered icons of the African wild. We follow their movements and observe their behavior as we learn about the critical conservation measures striving to bring this population—and the entire species—back from the brink.

Days 3 - 5: Chobe National Park, Botswana / Linyanti Private Reserve

Traveling by road, we cross the Chobe River into Botswana's Chobe National Park, famed for its vast elephant herds—a population that exceeds 70,000. On a private boat cruise down the river and its myriad channels, we sometimes see several hundred elephants in a single day. Waterbirds abound, including herons and storks, and hippos and crocodiles are on view along the muddy banks. Keep an eye out for egrets perched on the backs of elephants cooling off in the water.

This afternoon, fly to the private Linyanti Wildlife Reserve, some of Africa's most dramatic big-game country. Its tree-dotted plains are home to lion, leopard, spotted hyena and African wild dog, as well as enormous elephant herds. We expect to encounter wildlife in thrilling proximity along the Linyanti River and surrounding environs. In the evenings, relax at our secluded camp, where well-appointed private tents evoke a nostalgic era of safari travel. Through the thorny acacia branches overhead we see more stars than we ever dreamed of, scattered across an impossibly black sky.



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Days 6 - 8: Linyanti / Okavango Delta—Exploring the Marsh

After a final game drive in the wilds of Linyanti, transfer by light aircraft to the Okavango Delta, Earth's largest inland water system. The delta's headwaters lie in the western highlands of Angola, joining with other rivers in Namibia and Botswana to meet the Kalahari Desert, where a green oasis sprawls amid the sands and dry savanna. When rains create rising floodwaters, the delta is a vast network of waterways and islands that are home to a profuse collection of wildlife and lush vegetation.

Our exclusive safari camp is located in the heart of the Okavango Delta, surrounded by a maze of wetlands that sustain many rare birds. Look for the wattled crane, Pel's fishing owl, jacana, rail, crake and moorhen. Following the reed-fringed channels, we may also spy water-adapted antelope such as red lechwe browsing in the grasses. Depending on water levels, we explore the constantly shifting marsh by *mokoro*, a traditional poled dugout canoe, offering a chance to observe wildlife at eye-level in complete quiet. We'll also hope to do a guided walk for an intimate perspective on the smaller wonders that surround us. Guests may add an optional 30-minute helicopter flight over the greater Okavango Delta (additional cost), with doors off for the most spectacular photography opportunities! *Please note: Water levels and activities may vary based on fluctuating annual rainfall.*

Days 9 - 11: Southeast Okavango—Santawani Private Concession—Predator Researcher Visit

Fly by light aircraft to Nat Hab's Gomoti Camp—Okavango South in the heart of the Santawani Concession, a private community-owned reserve encompassing nearly 15,000 acres in the southeast corner of the Okavango Delta. Our intimate camp, isolated in the wild, offers a tremendous sense of seclusion. While some parts of the delta are permanently flooded, other habitats create a mosaic of varied landscapes, including drier regions like the area that surrounds our camp. A mix of dense riverine woodland, open savanna and acacia scrub provides ample food for a large array of browsers and grazing species, as well as predators including cheetah, leopard, lion and rare wild dog. The Gomoti River is a year-round lifeline for animals, while inland waterholes also sustain them during the dry season. The diverse range of habitats makes the Gomoti region ideal for all-day excursions, including traditional 4x4 game drives, picnic lunches and night drives in search of nocturnal species. During our stay in Santawani, we're joined by a local researcher to learn about studies on the wide range of predators in the area, including research projects on wild dog, cheetah and leopard.

Day 12: Maun / Depart

Our grand Botswana safari comes to a close as we depart by air for Maun to connect with homeward flights, or to continue with onward extensions.

Please Note: *Some 2026 departures will stay at alternate camps. The experience is comparable but some activities may vary.*

Click here to view the seasonal variations of weather and wildlife viewing in Botswana.



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Accommodation Details:

Toka Leya

Nat Hab's Linyanti Camp-Linyanti Private Reserve

Nat Hab's Pelo Camp-Heart of the Delta

Nat Hab's Gomoti Camp-Okavango South

Savuti Camp

Tubu Tree Camp

Chitabe Lediba Camp

For detailed descriptions, visit nathab.com/africa/secluded-botswana/accommodations

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Toka Leya

Set on the Zambezi River near Victoria Falls, Toka Leya Camp offers refined comfort and eco-conscious design amid sweeping views of Zambia's wildlife and wilderness.



Nat Hab's Linyanti Camp-Linyanti Private Reserve

Shaded by knob thorn acacias, Nat Hab's Linyanti Camp features spacious tents offering sweeping views of the Linyanti waterways and wildlife in a secluded setting.



Nat Hab's Pelo Camp-Heart of the Delta

Typically accessed by boat, Nat Hab's Pelo Camp offers total seclusion, abundant wildlife and private tented comfort on a heart-shaped island in the Okavango Delta.



Nat Hab's Gomoti Camp-Okavango South

Set on the edge of the Okavango Delta and reserved exclusively for our use, this camp features raised en suite tents and lounge overlooking a watering hole frequented by wildlife.



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Savuti Camp

On the banks of the ephemeral Savute Channel, this isolated camp sits within a legendary region known for abundant predators and elephants, with seven large walk-in tents with private verandas.



Tubu Tree Camp

In one of the permanently dry areas of the Okavango Delta on Hunda Island, Tubu Tree's eight traditional canvas tents are built on raised decks, enjoying territorial vistas and passing wildlife.



Chitabe Lediba Camp

Secluded within the private Chitabe Concession, this intimate camp enjoys glorious views and abundant wildlife sightings, with five spacious tent chalets.



There Are Important Differences in Botswana Safaris

Botswana holds some of the last true wilderness in Africa, teeming with wildlife that thrives within a mosaic of healthy ecosystems. An exclusive safari destination like Botswana is one to do right. And we do. We've spent years honing this hallmark trip to ensure that our itinerary and accommodations offer a superlative experience. Here's why our Secluded Botswana safari stands above the rest:

- 1 You Won't Find a Smaller Group—Just 7 Guests!**

The best African safari can't happen in crowded conditions. We take a maximum of just seven guests. This exceptionally small size ensures a highly personalized safari experience, allowing us to stay at very small camps that offer truly intimate wildlife encounters.
- 2 A "Window" Seat for Every Guest**

Our private safari vehicles have open sides, with no glass to impede your view. Though vehicles have 10 cushioned passenger seats—one in front next to the driver, followed by three rows of three seats each—we limit our capacity to just seven travelers on wildlife drives, ensuring clear viewing—no one stuck in a middle seat—and maximum comfort.
- 3 The Optimal Botswana Safari Itinerary**

Our itineraries have been meticulously designed in conjunction with World Wildlife Fund to provide a secluded experience of Botswana's prolific wildlife, where animal numbers are highest and tourist crowds non-existent. We have years of experience running the best safaris in Botswana, and we continually tweak our itineraries to ensure that the experience we offer is second to none.
- 4 Stay in Seclusion on Private Reserves**

We stay on exclusive private reserves, offering an isolated setting and activities off-limits in the national parks, such as night drives and guided walking excursions that allow a rare chance to explore the intricacies of the bush on foot. Our private camps in Linyanti and Moremi provide outstanding proximity to wildlife, with close-up photo opportunities, including at sunset. In contrast, other groups that stay inside the national parks must be back at camp by sunset due to park regulations.



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Intimate Camps Facilitate Extraordinary Wildlife Encounters

Our small safari camps, big on comfort and far from crowds, maximize quiet encounters with Botswana's prolific wildlife at close range. With just four or five tents each, their discreet presence enhances the likelihood that wildlife will wander through camp. Individual verandas provide guests a private view on the African wild, with photography possibilities right out the door of your tent. And within the privately owned Santawani and Linyanti concessions, Gomoti Tented Camp and Linyanti Tented Camp are for our groups alone.

6

Air Transfers Maximize Your Time on Safari

Light aircraft flights between safari locations, rather than long, dusty drives over rough dirt roads, allow us to spend more time scouting for wildlife on safari, instead of enduring uncomfortable conditions in transit.

7

The World's Finest Naturalist Guides

Our guests enjoy the personalized service of some of the Africa's top naturalist guides—a Nat Hab hallmark. Your NHA Safari Expedition Leader accompanies your group from start to finish, ensuring a seamless experience. Rather than using less-qualified local camp guides at each location, you benefit from our Expedition Leaders' expertise—they are the most highly trained guides in Africa, averaging 15 years' experience, with additional resources provided by WWF's top scientists. Our philosophy on this is simple: an African safari is only as good as the guide, so we must provide the very best! **See Expedition Leader bios** and traveler comments regarding the quality of our leaders.

8

Our Quality-Value Guarantee Ensures Your Superior Botswana Safari

With Natural Habitat Adventures, you receive our exclusive guarantee, which clearly states that we will meet the lofty expectations we set in our promotional materials. To our knowledge, this is the most ambitious guarantee made by any adventure travel company.

9

Feel Good About Your Carbon-Neutral Journey

We care deeply about our planet, as we know you do. When you travel with us, the carbon emissions from your trip are 100% offset—including your round-trip flights from home. Natural Habitat Adventures has been the world's first carbon-neutral travel company since 2007.

10

Natural Habitat Adventures is WWF's Travel Partner

Because of our commitment to environmentally friendly travel, as well as the exceptional quality of our adventures, World Wildlife Fund—the world's leading environmental conservation organization—has named Natural Habitat Adventures as its worldwide travel partner, a designation that makes us exceedingly proud!



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Dates & Pricing Summary:

Prices:
From \$18995
(+Air)

Group Size:
Limited to 7
Travelers

Secluded Botswana Safari Dates, Pricing & Info

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Extension Details:

Ultimate Madagascar
\$15495

Cape Town Extension
\$2495

Madagascar Explorer
\$11995

Sabi Sand Extension
\$5495

Namibia Desert Extension
\$6395

Wild Cape Coast Extension
\$3595

The Great Uganda Gorilla Safari
\$14495

Okavango Delta Helicopter
Adventure

Secluded Botswana Safari Extensions

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Ultimate Madagascar

Look for lemurs and many more species found only here as we explore the biodiversity treasure trove of the planet's most unique island. Madagascar is an evolutionary time capsule—truly a world apart!

\$15495 (+air)



Cape Town Extension

Discover one of the world's most entrancing cities and its natural environs. Survey the view from Table Mountain, explore the Cape Peninsula, visit Cape Point Nature Reserve, see penguins at Boulders Beach, and tour the Winelands.

\$2495



Madagascar Explorer

Look for rare and endemic flora and fauna on a compact itinerary revealing a mix of contrasting ecosystems—primary rainforest, pristine beaches, ancient baobabs and coastal mangroves

\$11995 (+air)



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Sabi Sand Extension

An exclusive safari experience on a 160,000-acre private reserve that's one of Africa's best places to spot the famous Big Five—choose among intimate luxury camps and secluded boutique lodges.

\$5495



Namibia Desert Extension

Namibia's towering sand dunes, arid canyons and desert-adapted wildlife offer a distinct contrast to other southern Africa safari destinations—look for endangered black rhino, desert elephant and more.

\$6395 (+air)



Wild Cape Coast Extension

From our luxury ecolodge base on the Grootbos Private Nature Reserve, explore pristine coastal wilderness including the rare Cape Floral plant kingdom and Stony Point penguin colony.

\$3595



The Great Uganda Gorilla Safari

On rainforest treks, revel in face-to-face encounters with endangered mountain gorillas and see chimpanzees in Kibale Forest as we explore Uganda's diverse natural wonders.

\$14495 (+air/permits)



Okavango Delta Helicopter Adventure

Search for wildlife amid the Okavango Delta's rich tapestry of islands, plains and lagoons on an exhilarating scenic helicopter flight.

